

# Stonegate Scuttlebutt

## July 2020



## Club news

The Club is being enjoyed by many members. At the July board meeting, Jeffrey Bailey, the Club manager, presented the following usage statistics for the period spanning the end of June to the end of July:

Pool bookings - 864

Tennis bookings - 109

Field - 94 with dogs; 52 for sports (some are for both!)

Boating - 39

Fitness - 7 ½ (go figure...)

Zumba - 5

Chair Yoga - 9

Spanish Yoga - 4

Silver Sneakers - now taught on-line only

For all these activities, Jeffrey Bailey is writing and updating COVID-19 protocols that will be emailed and posted on the club website. Please check in with the front desk about current rules, because the only certainty is that they will change as the state/county/city COVID-19 rules change. What hasn't changed is the need to wear a mask when checking in at the front desk and maintaining a 6-foot minimum physical distance while walking to your appointed activity, talking to friends, or sitting on the lakeside lawn. **Did you know that the county requires the 6-foot rule while in the swimming pools or lake as well (family members and others living in the same household are exempted)?**

We appreciate members being civil to staff members when inquiring or phoning in at the front desk. If you have a complaint, please ask to see or talk to the Club Manager. If Jeffrey Bailey isn't there, please leave a note or send an email to [clubmanager@stonegatecc.com](mailto:clubmanager@stonegatecc.com).

If you have a question or concern for either of the managers or the Board, please email the HOA management, Steve and Kit Boschken, at [HOAmanager@stonegatecc.com](mailto:HOAmanager@stonegatecc.com) or you can email the



Board at [board@stonegatecc.com](mailto:board@stonegatecc.com).

**Jim Hoke and Roger Gough enjoying the newly resurfaced tennis courts. (Photo courtesy of Jeffrey Bailey.)**

The managers and the Communications Committee are busy looking to adopt a more robust website along with a reservations system. **We understand the limitations of our current reservation system, and the managers and staff are taking your suggestions for improvement seriously, so they are regularly making adjustments.** Given the high volume of reservation requests that the Club processed during recent weeks, the number of scheduling errors by Club personnel and members has been commendably low. If you need to cancel, please call the desk to let them know as soon as possible. Jeffrey Bailey has been very hands-on about solving these problems. **We hope everyone can appreciate the hard work of the staff, including front desk receptionists Matthew, Garrett, Christal, Andrew, Isabel, Lauren, and Rebecca; front desk supervisors Fred, Michelle, and Karen; Maintenance Manager Nate and Club Manager Jeffrey Bailey.**

The tennis pro, Lukas Burger, and the Club have agreed to dissolve their mutual contract. It became unsustainable — first with the three-month lockdown, and then with the current COVID-19 safety requirements for safe distancing and mask wearing.

**Family swim time is now available.** Visit <https://stonegatecc.com/> for current details. The middle pool (not heated and 3-8 feet deep) and the baby wading pool (not heated and 1 foot deep) are available for 45-minute reservations on the hour during the weekdays. In addition, the first lane of the main pool — including the deep end — can be reserved for family swim starting at 4 p.m. on the weekends only. Call the front desk starting at 8 a.m. on Monday to book your time, and please be patient and efficient. Only one family unit can share a swim time, and no guests are allowed due to high member demand. The poolside locker and rest rooms are not open. If needed, the single bathroom located at the front desk is available. Please come prepared to use the invigorating outdoor shower pre- and post-swim per county health regulations. A 15-minute gap is scheduled between swim sessions to allow staff to clean and members' to better social distance.



**Thursday activity field hours have been modified for the summer.** Members are welcomed to use the field for activities at any time, but Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. - 12 noon will change to dog on-leash time, while earlier and later in the day will be dog off-leash time. That way, kids' sports activities can take place in the cooler morning. (Photo of Nick and Emma the dog.)

## Upcoming activities calendar

- **Thursday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. — Stonegate Board meeting** — via Zoom. An email will be sent out the week before with the agenda and participation information.
- **Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. — Stonegate Speaker Series** — via Zoom. A presentation and Q & A with Stephen McCord, a local water quality expert and Putah Creek Council Board member, to talk about the lake and its upkeep.

## July 16 Board meeting highlights

1. The **Personnel Committee** met with Jeffrey Bailey to discuss his first two quarters with the Club, and the Board will be discussing the Boschkens' annual contract.
2. The **Finance Committee** reviewed the monthly "financials" and the Board ratified them.
3. The **Activities Committee** is lining up speakers for virtual community talks. See the calendar note. They welcome suggestions for relevant speakers.
4. The **Architectural Review Committee** approved painting, storage, and entry projects of several residents.
5. The **Communications Committee** has been very busy reviewing proposals for a new website and member portal and publishing the Scuttlebutt.
6. The **Survey Subcommittee** will work on a midyear survey as soon as issues needing member input are identified.
7. The **Facilities and Grounds Committee** reported that member and environmental engineer, Theresa Pistoichini advised the Club to purchase some portable air filters, along with upgrading the ventilation system filters plus other fixes to make our indoor areas safer once they are open. She also inspected the buildings for energy use. Most of our lights save energy, which is good news, but we learned our ice machine in the kitchen uses twice as much energy as a more modern machine. This is valuable information to know. Little savings add up to big savings!
8. The **Lake Subcommittee** had additional total coliform bacteria testing done and the numbers have improved from this past spring due, in large part, to the lake being drained two feet and refilled. Boating and swimming are safe. There will be more testing for metals, minerals, phosphorus, and turbidity (water clarity). The City was interested in these data because our lake overflow water drains into West Pond.
9. The **Rules and Governance Committee** is in the process of comprehensively reviewing the draft CC&Rs. A law firm that the HOA commissioned earlier this year modified the CC&Rs, which has undergone a preliminary review by a subcommittee of two board members. The Board discussed several

scenarios for requesting members' input before the draft is complete. The subcommittee will negotiate with the law firm to answer additional questions from the Board. **We need a few good members to join the committee to help us!**

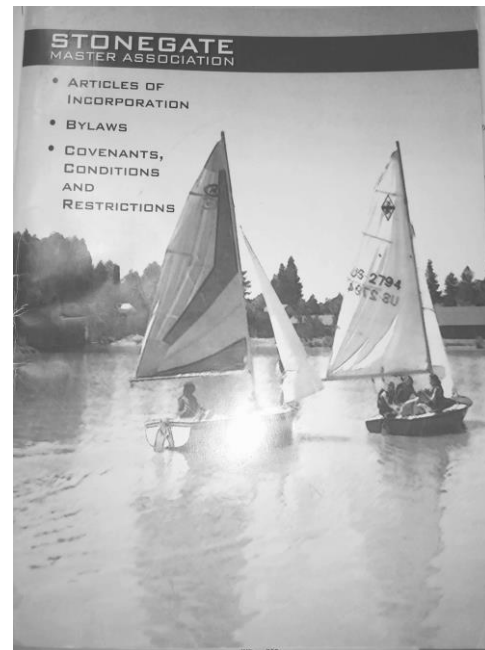
### Community news

We welcome feedback on the Scuttlebutt newsletter. **Did you know what a "scuttlebutt" is?** According to Merriam-Webster it is "a cask on shipboard to contain fresh water for a day's use." It was the original water cooler where people gathered to talk. In the past the newsletter was put together by the Club manager, and then it stopped a few years ago. The new Communications Committee has resurrected it so that you would know what was happening around the Stonegate neighborhood and at the Club. We had a lively discussion at the July Board meeting regarding what is appropriate content for the Scuttlebutt. As this publication continues to evolve, please let us know what you think. We also welcome suggestions for topics or potential guest authors. The new committee is composed of members Emma Grigg, Gail Hahn, Jeff March, and Board members Carol Smith and Tabatha Yang.

**Calling all candidates!** The Club's 2020 election for the Board of Directors seats is subject to new state regulations. If you are interested in serving on the Stonegate Master Association Board, please email Kit Boschken at [hoamanager@stonegatecc.com](mailto:hoamanager@stonegatecc.com) or call 530-757-3640. You will be sent a brief application complete and return, which must be submitted to the HOA by September 8. Ballots will then be mailed out in paper form by October 19, and you must return them by 5 p.m. on November 19 — election day. **Four out of the seven total Board positions are available this November 2020.** Contact Kit Boschken at for additional questions.

**Do you know where your CC&Rs and Bylaws book is?** Every homeowner should have received one of these upon purchasing a house, condo, or duplex in Stonegate. These are the rules and regulations that we agree to abide by in our Homeowners Association (HOA). When Stonegate was newly developed in 1969, the CC&Rs were mostly about *what* was allowed by the architectural rules and regulations for developers. The Bylaws were more about

*how* the HOA governed itself. Then, in 2000, a newly adopted set of CC&Rs and Bylaws included more rules on HOA governance and policies for the neighborhood. Much of this was standard fare from the law firm retained at that time. Since then state laws have changed regarding HOAs. Such state rules will always override whatever is in our HOA book, and because the CC&Rs have become outdated, a law firm has been retained once again. So now, 20 years later, we have another opportunity to think about how we want to govern ourselves and update our CC&Rs and



Bylaws accordingly. **This process needs your input, so please look through your HOA book to make recommendations for the Board. We really want to hear from you!** If you can't find your book, or if you think you never received one, please contact the Club to get one. They can also be found on the website at: <https://stonegatecc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Stonegate-Master-Complete.pdf>

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